

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 080012  
ORIGIN AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01  
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 PC-01 ACDA-07  
OMB-01 TRSE-00 /103 R

DRAFTED BY AF/C:RKATES:AF/I:LSHURTLEFF:AB  
APPROVED BY AF/WESCHAUFEELE  
AF/C:EMARKS

-----090552Z 008455 /22

P 090037Z APR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO OAU COLLECTIVE PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY  
USMISSION NATO PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY  
AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY  
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY  
EUCOM

S E C R E T STATE 080012

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG

SUBJECT: ZAIRE SITREP

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR GENERAL BACKGROUND AND USE AS  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 080012

APPROPRIATE WITH DISCRETION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST  
GOVERNMENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO ZAIRIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES, THE HOSTILE  
FORCES ATTEMPTED TO CROSS THE LUBUDI RIVER (APPROXIMATELY  
50 MILES WEST OF KOLWEZI) BUT WERE REPULSED. IF TRUE THIS  
IS ONE OF THE FIRST TIMES TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT THE

INVADERS HAVE BEEN STOPPED IN THEIR ADVANCE.

3. MOROCCAN TROOPS FOR ZAIRE. MOROCCO OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL SEND AN "EXPEDITIONARY CORPS" TO ZAIRE "TO HELP THAT COUNTRY TO SAFEGUARD ITS TERRITORIAL UNITY." A SENIOR MOROCCAN OFFICIAL TOLD US TODAY THAT THE AIR TRANSFER OF ABOUT 1,000 TROOPS WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND REQUIRE ABOUT TEN DAYS. GOM HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED OAU.

4. DOMESTIC SITUATION. ACCORDING TO THE BELGIAN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, A BELGIAN WHO KNOWS ZAIRE WELL RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO KINSHASA WHERE HE FOUND CONDITIONS IN THE CENTER CITY WORSE THAN AT ANY TIME HE COULD REMEMBER. WE HAVE ASKED OUR EMBASSY TO COMMENT ON THIS REPORT, AND ON UTILITY OF ARRANGING EMERGENCY SHIPMENTS OF FOODS, AS WELL AS MORE COMBAT RATIONS. VANCE

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS, INVASIONS, MILITARY OCCUPIED AREAS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 09-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE080012  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** RKATES:AF/I:LSHURTLEFF:AB  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770124-0294  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770471/aaaackbv.tel  
**Line Count:** 79  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** d75cbca7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN AF  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2850214  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ZAIRE SITREP  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PINR, MOPS, PINS, CG  
**To:** OAU COLLECTIVE LISBON MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/d75cbca7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009